

**RAILROAD AVENUE
GROUND WATER
CONTAMINATION SITE**

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EPA ID# IA0001032556

EPA Region 7

City: West Des Moines

County: Polk

Other Names:

07/18/2002



SITE DESCRIPTION

The Railroad Avenue site consists of an area of ground water contamination which includes 22 municipal water supply wells that historically or currently supply water to the residents of West Des Moines, Iowa, and the potential source areas of the contamination. West Des Moines, a suburb of Des Moines, Iowa, is located in southwest Polk County in south-central Iowa. The site occupies portions of Sections 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 21, and 22, T78N, R25W.

Site Responsibility:

This site is being addressed through Federal actions

NPL LISTING HISTORY

Proposed Date: 09/13/2001

Final Date:

Deleted Date:

THREATS AND CONTAMINANTS



The ground water has been contaminated with trichloroethylene (TCE), cis-1,2-dichloroethylene (cis-1,2-DCE), and benzene. Contamination in the ground water has been detected in several of the municipal water supply wells, and 5 of these have been taken off-line.

CLEANUP APPROACH

Response Action Status



Site Studies: A Site Investigation and Expanded Site Investigation were completed for the site. A Remedial Investigation is currently under way. At the completion of the Remedial Investigation, it should be more apparent what cleanup approach is appropriate.

Site Facts:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS



The site is currently in the Remedial Investigation phase. A more complete understanding of the site hydrogeology and contamination will result. This information will assist in developing strategies for addressing contaminant remediation.

SITE REPOSITORY



West Des Moines Public Library
4000 George M. Mills Civic Parkway
West Des Moines, Iowa

Superfund Records Center
901 N. 5th St.
Kansas City, KS 66101
Mail Stop SUPR
(913)551-4038

REGIONAL CONTACTS

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

STATE:

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

EPA ORGANIZATION:

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MODIFICATIONS